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**Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 6, 2006
First Floor Conference Room
Senior Center
5:00pm**

Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen, Mr. Gregory Leonardos (Chair) and Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, Director of Public Health, Denise Boucher, Health Inspector, Mary Ann Jacobs, Department Secretary

- I. The minutes of April 25, 2006 were accepted as written.
- II. **HEARING REQUEST:** Arlington Restaurant and Diner
Kyriakos and Asimula Kazakides, owners of the restaurant, requested a meeting with the Board to voice their feelings that they were wrongfully cited on Sunday, March 31, 2006 for violations as shown in the inspection report of that date. Mr. Kazakides stated that they have made every effort to comply with the Inspector's demands but feels she is never satisfied with their efforts. C. Connolly explained that two years ago the BOH studied their food inspection process and determined that Arlington was not inspecting the restaurants as often as required by law. In order to meet these requirements, a plan was developed using the restaurant permit fees to cover the cost of hiring an additional inspector to help cover the inspections. This arrangement was approved by the Town Manager to avoid using monies from the tax base in Arlington. We hired one of the best inspectors in the area on a contract basis to help meet State requirements. At the same time, to cover repeat violations of a restaurant, we established a fee of \$100 for each re-inspection. We are now in the process of streamlining our inspection process. Many of the violations cited against Arlington Restaurant and Diner are repeat violations that must be corrected. Information received, no action taken.
- III. **HEARING:** Tobacco sales violation: Arlington Shell, 934 Mass Ave.
A compliance check for tobacco sale was performed on April 29, 2006, by Lea Susan, a 17-year old female was sent in to purchase cigarettes at Arlington Shell, and was sold a pack of Newport cigarettes without presenting identification. Ned, the owner of Arlington Shell, was present at the meeting. The Board voted to suspend all tobacco sales for 7 days. The suspension to begin the following day, June 7, at which time all tobacco products must be removed from the shelves.

IV. Updates

Changes in Arlington's restaurant community are as follows: Quiznos Sub Restaurant will be opening around the 15th of June. Maria's Pizza is changing hands and will be renamed "That Rock and Roll Pizza Place". Bangalore is also changing hands and the new owner is from Nepal but will keep an Indian style menu. Junior's Variety is expanding and adding a deli area.

V. Public Health Updates

The first news was the introduction of Julia McDonald, a new intern for the summer. Julia is a graduate student of public health at Tufts University, and is also studying nutrition and epidemiology. She will be working on the grant that Denise had written for nutrition education at Thompson School, and will also be working on emergency preparedness and pandemic flu. We are happy she is able help BOH while gaining hands-on experience. She is being sponsored and paid for by the MDPH. A case of measles was reported in Arlington and we were able to work with the patient and track all of his contacts and offer a mini-measles clinic (MMR). The Police Dept has a holding facility and their policy and procedures need to be reviewed by a physician in the community to certify that the Dept meets the requirements. Dr. Carole Allen kindly consented to follow up on this procedure.

VI. Public Comment

Jeanne Leary, 425 Summer St, chairman of the Summer Street Neighborhood Association. Ms. Leary has been very involved with the construction on Summer St and is working closely with C. Connolly. The rat situation is getting worse and a professional exterminator must be brought in to control the problem. There is major construction going on in the Forest Street extension and the pre-school in that area is asking for help in controlling the dust by keeping the construction area watered down. Joe Carabello has been assigned to take charge of the rat problem particularly at the Summer Street project, which will take approximately two years to complete. He has proposals from a few pest control companies and will have a company in Arlington by Monday. This is a State project and rat control was not budgeted in the project. C.Connolly has had a few conversations with John Sanchez, Director of Public Works, and he has agreed to cover the cost of rat control. He will have his men bait the sewers weekly and cover the cost of a pest control company to come in and set-up bait boxes along public land. We will see a major improvement on the rat problem with DPW and a pest control company working together.

The next BOH meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at the Senior Center, 27 Maple Street at 5:00 pm.